

# AFTER PURCHASE CARE

YOU HAVE JUST SUPPORTED OUR FAMILY BUSINESS AND WE CARE ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF YOUR PURCHASE PLEASE READ THESE HANDY TIPS FROM OUR EXPERT HORTICULTURALISTS

Not all plants are the same. Some need to be treated with extra care while others are more robust, surviving quite harsh treatment. We've all seen plants in the back of a ute and trailers being hammered by wind and wondered how will they survive... not many plants like wind so it's best to keep covered and lying the plants down. Or keep them safe by using our delivery service.

## ONCE YOU BRING YOUR PLANTS HOME, PLANT THEM UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If you can't, water them well and place them in a well-lit spot, with protection from the hot afternoon sun. In our nursery we ensure all plants are watered daily and this is due to the pots being well drained. Different seasons may mean less or more water. But do not let your pots dry out or leave in the sun for long periods of time.

Our Plants are grown for local conditions on our production nursery but we also purchase plants from many growers and it's important to know our Nursery plants are:

- Watered daily (maybe twice daily)
- Sometimes Grown in glass houses or under shade cloth
- Planted in premium potting mix
- Cleaned (dead leaves etc removed)
- Grown in blocks or groups of the same or similar plants liking the same conditions

So when you get new plants home, be mindful of how they've been grown and treated and what you are asking them to now do.

What this means is that regardless of what the label says about what the plant will tolerate, it is not yet toughened up or drought hardy.

**Transplant shock occurs when you change a plant's growing situation. When establishing a new garden, it's unavoidable but there are a few things you can do to reduce its effects on your plants:**

### 1. AVOID DISTURBING THE ROOTS.

Some people recommend teasing out the roots, but only do this if the plant is pot bound (roots are circling in the pot). Otherwise, simply take the entire contents of the pot and plant into the garden

### 2. WATER BEFORE REMOVING THE PLANT AND AFTER PLANTING OUT

### 3. APPLY SEAWEED SOLUTION

like Seazol to help it recover quickly from any shock.

### 4. ACCLIMATISE PLANTS TO YOUR GARDEN:

- Short Watering daily for the first couple of weeks, then reduce to every second day then eventually to twice a week for the first Spring/Summer. Less in cooler months. Gardens can be 'trained' to tolerate being watered fortnightly over Summer and surviving on natural rainfall at other times but it takes time deep root systems to develop
- Plants in our nursery support and protect one another. When planted out in the garden, they are suddenly exposed and

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vulnerable. Stake if necessary and provide protection from the wind if possible

- Plant into good soil enriched with organic matter to give them the best possible start. They may have a slight reaction to the change from potting mix to soil but they should adjust well.

Please note we do not believe Plants and Trees should be treated as part of this throw out world and we only sell Healthy plants and we do not offer exchange for loss.

WE 100% OFFER EXPERT ADVICE TO HELP YOU TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND HOW TO GARDEN AND NURTURE YOUR WAY THROUGH THIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE OF LIVING PLANTS.

But the truth about all living things is there comes a time we encounter loss. Gardening is very rewarding and can be very frustrating and we are here to help. Please contact our friendly staff for further advice instore or via email - [ask@emplantfarm.com.au](mailto:ask@emplantfarm.com.au)

